

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 228 – HB 264

February 26, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Increases, from 60 to 90 days, the time period the county election commission has to appoint election officials at each polling place. Authorizes election officials to direct a portion of their compensation be paid to certain types of charitable organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003958): Deletes language in the original bill authorizing election officials to direct a portion of their compensation be paid to certain charitable organizations. Authorizes election officials to serve on election day without compensation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, a precise decrease in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined. Any other fiscal impact is considered not significant.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Members of the county election commission currently appoint election officials no more than 60 days before an election, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-4-102(a).
- Increasing the appointment time to 90 days before an election will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-4-109, officers of elections, judges, machine operators, and inspectors are paid a minimum of \$50.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-4-102, each county election commission shall appoint at least one officer of elections, three judges, as many machine operators as necessary to adequately staff the polling place, and as many inspectors as it may deem necessary.
- Due to multiple unknown factors such as how many election day officials will be appointed in each county, how many such officials will elect to serve without

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compensation, and the extent of any compensation forgone by the official, a precise decrease in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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